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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Timm, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1762  
Appl. No. : 09/897,657 )  
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For : **STERILIZATION OF**  
                  **BIOACTIVE COATINGS** )  
Examiner : Michener, Jennifer Kolb )

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Table 2 on page 13 of the specification has been amended as follows:

Table 2: Comparison to other sterilization methods

Exposure Technique	% Atoms on Surface Detected by XPS after PBS challenge	
	O/C*	S^
Gamma sterilization (5 Mrad)	0.1	0.04
e-beam sterilization (5 Mrad)	0.13	0.04
STERRAD	0.40	0.26

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